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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

1925 Catalogue

(OF CHOICE)

Gladioli and Dahlias



"LADY EMMA"

Grown and for Sale by

GLAD-IRIS GARDENS

Gladiolus, Iris and Dahlia Specialists

Growers and Originators - - - Beltsville, Maryland

GLAD-IRIS GARDENS, BELTSVILLE, MD.

GREETING TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

It is with pleasure that we hand you our 1925 Gladiolus Catalogue. We wish to thank you for your liberal patronage this past season. It has given us great pleasure to receive the many fine reports of your success with our bulbs and roots.

Our policy is to grow the choicest varieties of gladioli, irises and dahlias, discarding those that do not meet the highest standard of quality.

We wish to call your attention to the five new gladiolus and three new dahlia novelties, originated by R. B. Piper, being offered in this catalogue for the first time. All are of high merit and should have a place in your collection. There are many more fine seedlings growing in our test gardens, the best of these will be introduced as soon as stocks have increased to sufficient size.

It is our plan this season, to enlarge our gardens and increase our working force so that we can give our patrons better service in the future. Our plans also call for a Show Garden to be located on Washington-Baltimore Boulevard, west of St. John's Church at Beltsville, Md.

The climate and soil in this section is ideal for the production of strong, vigorous bulbs and roots. Our stock is of the highest quality and will grow and bloom in any section if cultural directions are followed.

Visitors are always welcome and those interested in gladioli, irises and dahlias can select varieties when in bloom. We are located twelve miles from Washington, D. C., and twenty-eight miles from Baltimore, Md., on the main line of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Our gardens are one-half mile south of Washington-Baltimore Boulevard at B. & O. R. R. Station and adjoin the U. S. Government Experimental Farm. Visitors are also welcome at our Test Gardens at the home of F. J. Piper, West Main Street, Townsend, Massachusetts.

Your orders, whether large or small, will receive our best attention and we are confident that you will be pleased with our fine stock and liberal business methods. We are always glad to give information and we solicit your correspondence. Be sure and read our guarantee.

Sincerely yours,

GLAD-IRIS GARDENS,

Ralph B. Piper, Proprietor.

TERMS OF SALE

All offerings are subject to prior sale.

We guarantee our stock to be true to name and stand ready to replace with two plants every one that blooms untrue, or refund the amount received for same. We guarantee our stock to please you or your money refunded.

No order accepted for less than one dollar. Remittance must accompany all orders. We sell 6 bulbs or roots at the dozen rates; 50 at 100 rates; 250 at 1000 rates.

Postage prepaid on bulbs and roots sold at the single and dozen rates in the United States and Canada; at the 100 and 1000 rates will send by express collect or C. O. D. parcel post.

The quotations in this catalogue are for first class bulbs. Quotations on smaller sizes on application.

REFERENCE

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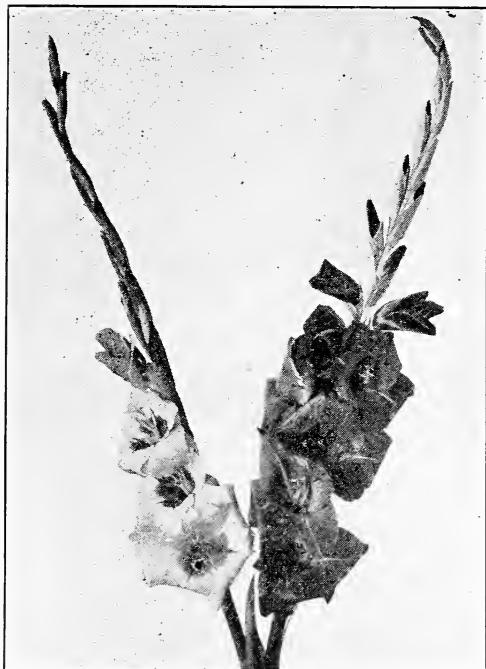
Five Beautiful Novelties For 1925.

Originated by R. B. Piper

FREDERICK

(Anna Eberius X. Sentinel)

This magnificent variety is of the highest merit and will be welcomed by lovers of fine red gladioli. Color, a deep velvety crimson self. The flowers are wide open, $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter and well arranged on tall graceful spike, five or more open at one time. Tall and vigorous grower. Stock limited. Price, \$25.00 each.



Swatara (Left) Frederick (Right)

LADY EMMA

A magnificent variety of clear salmon color with yellow throat. Flowers of excellent form with ruffled edge, $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches and over in diameter, well placed on graceful spike. An ideal variety as to color and form. Strong and healthy grower. Stock limited. Price, \$25.00 each.

POMPEIA

This is an odd but most beautiful variety of deep Pomein red. Flowers wide open, 4 inches or more in diameter which are well placed on tall spike, five or more open at one time. Strong grower and good multiplier. Stock limited. Price, \$20.00 each.

SCARAMOUCHE

(Anna Eberius X. Sentinel)

Another very beautiful red variety of the same parentage as Frederick. Color, bright velvety scarlet with deeper throat. Flowers $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches across, of good form and well placed on graceful spike. Strong, vigorous grower and good multiplier. Stock limited. Price, \$15.00 each.

SWATARA

(Anna Eberius X. Sentinel)

The flowers of this charming variety are wide open, $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter and are borne on tall straight spike. The color is a pleasing shade of Liseran purple with magenta throat. Strong, vigorous grower and good multiplier. This is also of the same parentage as Frederick. Stock limited. Price, \$20.00 each.

ROSE BEAUTY

(Piper)

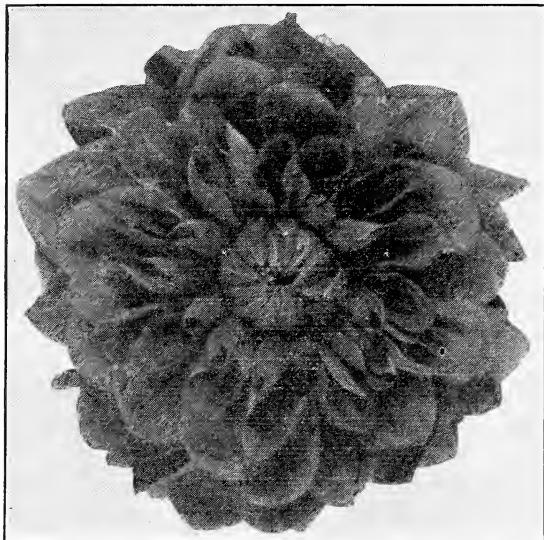
This variety was introduced last year for the first time. A tall and very beautiful primulinus hybrid. The color is geranium pink to deep rose dove, throat shading from rose red to pomegranate purple. Flowers wide open and four inches or over in diameter. A strong, vigorous grower and liberal producer. Price, \$1.00 each.

MRS. FISHER

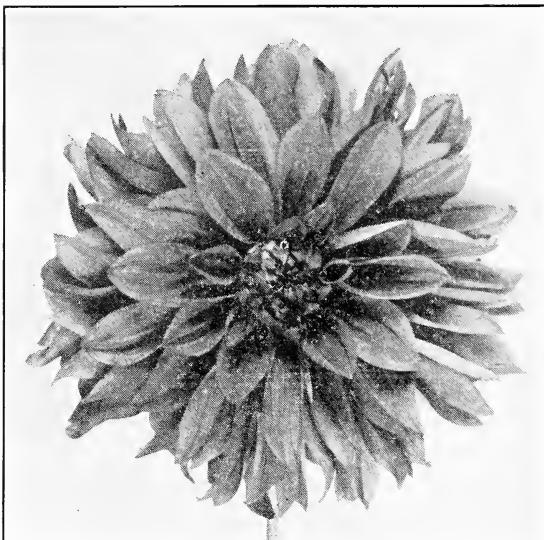
(Blake)

We have grown this new variety of Mr. Blake's for two years and find it one of high merit. In color it is an odd but pleasing combination of deep Chate- nay pink with throat markings of Rocelin purple. The flowers large, good form, wide open and well arranged on spike. Price, \$1.00.

Three Beautiful Dahlia Novelties For 1925.



Dusky Maiden



Juniata

Originated by R. B. Piper
DUSKY MAIDEN

This very attractive decorative dahlia is of a beautiful shade of bright, velvety Bordeaux. The blooms are large, very double, excellent form, and borne on stiff stems of good length. The plants are strong, vigorous and profuse bloomers. This dahlia has been much admired by all that have seen it in bloom. Price, \$10.00 each.

JUNIATA

A large decorative dahlia of deep velvety ox-blood red. The blooms are well rounded, full to the center, and are borne on strong stems of good length. A vigorous grower and profuse bloomer. This is a very beautiful dark red variety. Price, \$5.00 each.

PRIDE OF MARYLAND

This is a magnificent and exceptional decorative-cactus dahlia. Pride of Maryland has appealed to all that have seen it in bloom and there can be no question or doubt but what it will receive a warm welcome by all lovers of fine dahlias. In color it is a wonderful shade of deep scarlet red. The large well formed flowers have considerable depth, the outer petals are rolled, while the inner ones broaden out. Flowers freely on stems that hold the blooms up firmly. Strong bushy plants with dark green foliage add much to its attractiveness. Stock limited. Price, \$15.00 each.

G. H. R., Rocky River, Ohio, says:

"I wish to let you know the bulbs you mailed me reached here in first-class shape. I never was any happier in my life than when I opened your box of bulbs. I wish to thank you many times for the selection of bulbs and also the very liberal count."

Choice Cut Flowers by Parcel Post a Specialty

Glad-Iris Gardens

- - - Beltsville, Maryland

GLAD-IRIS GARDENS, BELTSVILLE, MD.

CHOICE GLADIOLI

ALBANIA (Kemp)—A most attractive new glistening white. Large wide open flowers; broad well rounded petals, crimped on edges. One of the best whites. 30c each; \$3.00 dozen; \$23.00 per 100.

ANNA EBERIUS (Diener)—Dark velvety purple, deeper in the throat. Flowers large and well placed on tall spike. One of the best. 20c each; \$2.00 dozen.



Scaramouche (Left) Pompeia (Right)

ARIZONA ROSE (Kunderd)—A fine shade of light rose. 10c each; \$1.00 dozen.

BARON J. HULOT (Lemoine)—Dark violet, small flower but one of the best violet shaded varieties. 5c each; 50c dozen.

BERTRIX (Austin)—A fine early white with lilac line in throat. 5c each; 50c dozen.

E. E. K., Urbana, Ill., writes:

"I received the box of bulbs that you sent me. I thank you very much for the extra ones. I shall be interested in planting them all."

BLACK PANSY (Kunderd)—A very attractive shade of rich dark red with pansy-like markings in throat. Plants require staking. 10c each; \$1.00 dozen.

BYRON L. SMITH (Kunderd)—An extra fine, delicate lavender pink on white ground. Most refined and color equal to choice cattleya orchid. 25c each; \$2.50 dozen.

CRIMSON GLOW (Betscher)—One of the best red gladioli on the market. Large open flowers of deep crimson. 10c each; \$1.00 dozen.

D R A C O C E P H A L U S SPECIES—
Flowers hooded, yellow-green striped and spotted dull purple-red. Very odd. 20c each; \$2.00 dozen.

EARLY SNOWFLAKE (Kemp)—A tall growing variety with many blooms open at one time. Color, rich creamy white, delicately tinted and flaked rose. Fine for forcing. 12c each; \$1.20 dozen; \$8.00 per 100.

E. J. SHAYLOR (Kunderd)—A very choice tall variety, blooms large with ruffled edge; color a beautiful pure deep rose-pink. 15c each; \$1.50 dozen.

ELF (Deiner)—Lemon yellow in bud opening into snow white flowers with lemon yellow tip, well arranged on tall spike. 25c each; \$2.50 dozen.

ELORA (Burbank)—Color, creamy white with rich cream spots in the throat on the three lower petals, these spots overlaid with dainty featherings of American Beauty pink. The back of the petals show a tint of delicate pink. Blooms large and borne on tall stiff stems. Early. Prolific propagator. 15c each; \$1.50 dozen.

EVELYN KIRTLAND (Austin)—Tall and vigorous. Flowers of a beautiful shade of rosy pink with scarlet blotches on lower petals. 12c each; \$1.20 dozen.

ESTA (Kunderd)—A tall and strong clear white. 15c each; \$1.50 dozen.

FLORA (Velthuys)—A large pure light golden yellow. One of the best low priced yellows. 10c each; \$1.00 dozen.

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GOLD (Hoeg)—Pure golden yellow, throat a shade deeper, almost a self color. Large flowers well placed. A grand variety. 50c each; \$5.00 dozen.

GOLDEN MEASURE (Kelway)—Pure golden yellow with no markings. Tall strong grower. 25c each; \$2.50 dozen.

GRETCHEN ZANG (Austin)—Exquisite shade of soft rose pink, shading into salmon scarlet. Tall, strong grower. 5c each; 50c dozen.

HEREADA (Austin)—Large flowers of clear brilliant mauve with deeper throat markings. Very popular. 10c each; \$1.00 dozen.

INDIAN MAID (Kunderd)—Large flowers on tall fine stem. Color, a beautiful peach blossom pink with deeper throat. A variety of high merit. 25c each; \$2.50 dozen.

JACK LONDON (Deiner)—A very beautiful variety with flowers of salmon rose and cream shades, striped with red and red in throat. 25c each; \$2.50 dozen.

JOE COLEMAN (Deiner)—A fine large ruffled flowers of rich red color. Strong grower. 15c each; \$1.50 dozen.

JUNE DELIGHT (Kunderd)—Ruffled flowers of rich, deep geranium red with deeper throat. 25c each; \$2.50 dozen.

KUNDERDI GLORY (Kunderd)—Beautiful ruffled flowers of creamy apricot with a light tint of pink. 5c each; 50c dozen; \$3.50 per 100.

LE MARECHAL FOCH (Van Deursen)—A very early large open flower of delicate glistening pink. One of the finest. 5c each; 50c dozen.

L'IMMACULE—A very tall fine early white. 5c each; 50c dozen.

LILYWHITE (Kunderd)—A fine early pure white. 5c each; 50c dozen; \$3.50 per 100.

LOUISE (Wright)—A magnificent shade of lavender with deeper throat. Large wide open flowers, very fine. 20c each; \$2.00 dozen.

LOVELINESS—Very fine wide open flowers on tall spike. Color, creamy yellow, tinted with pink. 5c each; 50c dozen.

MARSHAL FOCH (Kunderd)—Large beautifully ruffled flowers. Color a warm salmon pink, flaked and striped deeper salmon toward the edge of petals. 25c each; \$2.50 dozen.

MISS HELEN FRANKLIN (Kunderd)—A large ruffled white with violet purple penciling on lower petals. 10c each; \$1.00 dozen; \$5.00 per 100.

MONA LISA (Kinderd)—A magnificent variety of soft rose pink, or blush white. 25c each; \$2.50 dozen.

MRS. DR. NORTON (Kunderd)—A most pleasing blend of cream and pink. Large open flowers on tall spikes. A sensation everywhere. 20c each; \$2.00 dozen.

MRS. FRANK PENDLETON (Kunderd)—Very beautiful flowers of flushed rose pink with fine carmine blotch. Large blooms borne on tall spikes. 10c each; \$1.00 dozen.

MRS. H. E. BOTHIN (Deiner)—Heavily ruffled blooms that are borne on tall strong spikes. Color, light geranium pink with flame scarlet center. Very beautiful variety. 25c each; \$2.50 dozen.

MRS. WATT (Crawford)—Very beautiful flowers of deep, brilliant wine red. 5c each; 50c doz; \$3.50 per 100.

MRS. W. E. FRYER (Kunderd)—A very showy orange red. 5c each; 50c dozen; \$3.50 per 100.

ORANGE GLORY (Kunderd)—A very beautiful ruffled orange colored variety with lighter throat. 25c each; \$2.50 dozen.

PANAMA (Banning)—Fine large rose pink flowers. 5c each; 50c dozen; \$3.50 per 100.

PEACE (Groff)—A tall, late, large flowering white with lilac feathering on lower petals. 5c each; 50c dozen; \$3.50 per 100.

PINK WONDER (Kemp)—Tall strong grower, large open flowers; color, soft rose pink with a silvery sheen over the whole flower. The yellow shading at the base of the petals is overlaid with rose featherings. Well named. 25c each; \$2.50 dozen; \$18.00 per 100.

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PRIDE OF GOSHEN (Kunderd)—A strong vigorous variety with large ruffled fine texture; color rich salmon. Very flowers of salmon or flesh pink color. 10c each; \$1.00 dozen.

PRIDE OF LANCASTER (Kunderd)—A large and beautiful ruffled bloom. Color, brilliant orange salmon with deeper orange throat. 25c each; \$2.50 dozen.

PURPLE GLORY (Kunderd)—Large ruffled flowers. Color, deepest velvety maroon red, with almost black blotches, like burned into the petals; very unusual. 50c each; \$5.00 dozen.

QUARTINIANUS SPECIES—This species blooms very late. Flowers are hooded and of bright rich red color. Very tall vigorous grower. \$1.00 each.

QUARTINIANUS HYBRIDS—These are all strong vigorous growers and late bloomers, some are very tall. The colors are blends of the autumn shades of red, orange and yellow. 25c each; \$2.50 dozen.

RITA (Kunderd)—A very fine ruffled yellow with red throat. 25c each; \$2.50 dozen.

ROSE ASH (Deiner)—A very beautiful variety of Ashes of Roses color. This is a new color in gladioli and attracts immediate attention of all that see it. 50c each; \$5.00 dozen.

ROSE GLORY (Kunderd)—A large beautiful ruffled variety; color, pure rose pink, shading deeper rose in throat. 20c each; \$2.00 dozen.

ROSS VALLEY (Deiner)—Flowers of salmon pink overlaid with mauve, giving ashes of roses effect. 5c each; 50c dozen.

1910 ROSE (Kunderd)—Large flower; color, pure rose pink with narrow white center line on lower petals. 10c each; \$1.00 dozen.

SCARLANO (Kunderd)—Nicely ruffled blooms of good size borne on fine spike; color, light orange red. 15c each; \$1.50 dozen.

SCARLET PRINCEPS (Kunderd)—A variety of great merit; color, pure spectrum red. 15c each; \$1.50 dozen.

SCHWABEN (Pfitzer)—Large flowers of soft canary yellow with touch of red in throat. Strong vigorous grower. 10c each; \$1.00 dozen.

SHEILA (Coleman)—Large blooms of rose pink flowers with penciled, iris-like throat. Tall and vigorous grower. 10c each; \$1.00 dozen.

SENTINEL (Kunderd)—Large pure rose pink flowers with penciled, iris-like throat. Tall and vigorous grower. 10c each; \$1.00 dozen.

SIR ROGER CASEMENT (Deiner)—Heavily ruffled blooms of rich dark maroon, borne on tall spike. 25c each; \$2.50 dozen.

SPLENDORA (Kunderd)—Flowers of rich, very dark wine black. A splendid early ruffled variety. 15c each; \$1.50 dozen.

TEMPA (Kunderd)—Ruffled blooms of pink overlaid with old rose, bronzy lavender throat. 25c each; \$2.50 dozen.

VIOLET BEAUTY (Kunderd)—A large ruffled bloom on tall spike. Color, cerice-violet with red throat blotches. 20c each; \$2.00 dozen.

WAR (Groff)—One of the finest late varieties; color deep brilliant red. 10c each; \$1.00 per dozen.

WHITE DELIGHT (Kunderd)—Soft flesh white with beautiful blotched throat. 25c each; \$2.50 dozen.

WHITE GLORY (Kunderd)—A beautiful pure white with iris-blue throat. Large ruffled blooms; strong grower. 20c each; \$2.00 dozen.

WHITE KING (Kunderd)—Ruffled blooms borne on tall spike; color sulphur yellow, nicely marked. 5c each; 50c dozen.

WHITE WONDER (Kemp)—A beautiful large pure white; strong grower. Good forcing variety. 25c each; \$2.50 dozen; \$19.00 per 100.

WOVERINE (Vos)—Light coral pink mottled deeper pink with tyrian rose blotch on light yellow ground on lower petals. 25c each; \$2.50 dozen.

YELLOW HAMMER—Large pure yellow flowers with red markings in throat. Tall strong grower. 5c each; 50c dozen; \$3.50 per 100.

YOWELL'S FAVORITE (Kunderd)—A very large ruffled bloom of rosy-lavender pink. Tall, strong grower. 20c each; \$2.00 dozen.

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GLADIOLUS PRIMULINUS

ALBION (Kunderd)—A large salmon-rose pink with dainty throat. A beautiful grower and multiplier. 10c each; 1.00 dozen; \$8.00 per 100.

ALICE TIPLADY (Kunderd)—A large and very choice brilliant orange saffron variety. Fine for forcing. 10c each; \$1.00 dozen; \$8.00 per 100.



Rose Beauty

ANGOLA (Kunderd)—A very attractive salmon pink. 10c each; \$1.00 dozen.

ARDEN (Kunderd)—Large nicely ruffled open flowers, gracefully placed on tall spike. Color deep watermelon red. 35c each; \$3.50 dozen.

ARGO (Kunderd)—Very fine tall grower. Color, delicate rose pink. Often called the Primulinus Myrtle. 10c each; \$1.00 dozen.

ARLON (Kunderd)—Very large wide petaled flower of light salmon color, fine red throat. Extra fine. 15c each; \$1.50 dozen.

AVIATRIX (Kemp)—Large broad petaled flower of a delicate shade of pale yellow, darker and brighter in throat. 25c each; \$2.50 dozen.

BETTY DARNELL (Kemp)—A wonderful, pure canary yellow, shading to golden yellow in the throat. Good size well opened blooms borne on tall graceful spike. 35c each; \$3.50 dozen.

BUTTERCUP (Kemp)—A rich deep buttercup yellow with narrow red stripe in center of lower petals. Fine large flower. 5c each; 50c dozen.

BUTTERFLY (Kunderd)—A tall strong vigorous grower. A large ruffled flower of pale salmon yellow. 5c each; 50c dozen! \$4.00 per 100.

CANOPSIS (Kunderd)—A large rich solid yellow, deeper in throat. Spikes tall but crooked. 5c each; 50c dozen; \$4.00 per 100.

CAPELLA (Kunderd)—A choice tall, very bright orange red. 15c each; \$1.50 dozen.

DOROTHY WHEELER (Kunderd)—Large flowers of richest rose pink with lighter throat. Very beautiful. 10c each; \$1.00 dozen; \$8.00 per 100.

FIREFLY (Kunderd)—Bright deep scarlet. A fine self color. 10c each; \$1.00 dozen.

GOLDEN DROP (Kunderd)—Large pure yellow flowers with red line on lower petals. A fine ruffled variety. 25c each; \$2.50 dozen.

GOLDEN GATE (Kunderd)—Tall vigorous grower. Nicely ruffled blooms of showy yellow color. 15c each; \$1.50 dozen.

GOLDFINCH (Kunderd)—Large pure yellow flowers on tall spike. 10c each; \$1.00 dozen.

LINTON (Kunderd)—A choice tall ruffled variety. Color, salmon rose bordered deeper, lower petals golden veined rose. 10c each; \$1.00 dozen.

MAIDEN'S BLUSH (Grullemans)—A most pleasing shade of maiden's blush pink. Unquestionably the best pink primulinus hybrid. An early and profuse bloomer. 5c each; 50c dozen; \$4.00 per 100.

MYRA (Kunderd)—An extra fine tall giant flowered variety. Color, deep salmon over yellow, yellow throat. 25c each; \$2.50 dozen.

ORANGE BRILLIANT (Cave)—Flowers of medium size of most attractive shade of brilliant orange. 5c each; 50c dozen.

PRIMUNELLA (Kunderd)—A shade of yellow as delicate and pleasing as that found in an orchid. One of the most beautiful primulinus hybrids on the market. 15c each; \$1.50 dozen.

PRIMULINUS SPECIES—A fine pure yellow. A native species of South Africa. 5c each; 50c dozen; \$3.00 per 100.

RIGEL (Kunderd)—Tall, softest salmon blush on delicate yellow. Extra fine. 10c each; \$1.00 dozen; \$4.00 per 100.

SALMON BEAUTY (Kunderd)—Large flowers of deep salmon, with rich salmon yellow throat. 10c each; \$1.00 dozen.

SEDAN (Kunderd)—A fine ruffled variety of rich yellow color with crimson bar on lower petals. 25c each; \$2.50 dozen.

SIRIUS (Kunderd)—Large ruffled flowers, dark salmon with rich throat. 5c each; 50c dozen. \$4.00 per 100.

SOLIEL D'OR (Kemp)—Beautiful salmon with bright yellow shading on lower petals. Flowers are wide open and borne on a tall straight spike. 5c each; 50c dozen.

SPICA (Kunderd)—A richly colored and finely ruffled Primulinus Hybrid. 15c each; \$1.50 dozen.

SWEETHEART (Kemp)—An exceptionally beautiful variety with large wide open flowers. The color is a combination of light cream with golden yellow shading on the lower petals. 25c each; \$2.50 dozen.

SWEET ORRA (Kunderd)—A tall soft yellow. Early. 5c each; 50c dozen; \$3.50 per 100.

YOEMAN (Kunderd)—Large beautiful ruffled flowers of pure salmon pink. 15c each; \$1.50 dozen.

GLADIOLI IN MIXTURE

Glad-Iris Grand Mixture

In this mixture will be found both large flowering and primulinus types. Bulbs picked up from the field and packing house that cannot be identified are added to this mixture as well as small lots from trial and show gardens. 35c per dozen; \$2.00 per 100; \$9.50 per 1000.

Glad-Iris Butterfly Mixture

This is a very fine collection of Primulinus Hybrids and contains both named varieties and seedling. Many new ones were added this season making it a well balanced mixture. 45c per dozen; \$2.25 per 100; \$10.50 per 1000.

Glad-Iris Majestic Mixture

A select collection of named varieties and seedlings of the large flowering type. This is a new mixture made up this season and contains both plain and ruffled petaled varieties. 50c per dozen; \$3.00 per 100; \$11.25 per 1000.

Glad-Iris Exquisite Mixture.

A very beautiful collection of the best primulinus hybrids. This mixture was made up new this season. The primulinus type is very graceful and its wide range of color and pastel shades make it ideal for house decoration, showing up well under artificial light. 50c per dozen; \$3.00 per 100; \$11.25 per 1000.

GLAD-IRIS GIFT BOXES

There is no better way to remember your flower loving friends than to send them one of our Gift Boxes containing fifteen Choice Gladiolus bulbs. This collection is made up of all types, no two alike but unlabeled. If you bought this collection under name it would cost considerably more. Sent prepaid for \$1.25; five boxes for \$5.00.

I. W. M., Chester, Pa., writes:

"Received today the Glads. I can safely say that never in my life did I get so much for such a small sum. Such clean healthy bulbs."

GLAD-IRIS GARDENS

***CHOICE CUT FLOWERS BY PARCEL POST
A SPECIALTY***

PRICES ON APPLICATION

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CULTURAL DIRECTIONS GLADIOLUS

The gladiolus is easy of culture and thrives in most any good garden soil, if given full exposure to the sun. With rich soil and the best of culture the gladiolus responds, giving blooms of the finest quality. The soil should be well prepared and if it needs enriching a good grade of potato fertilizer, bone meal or pulverized sheep manure should be applied. Fresh manure should never come in contact with bulbs and if used should be applied the season before planting.

Bulbs one inch or more in size should be planted from three to four inches deep and four to eight inches apart. Plantings can be made from the time soil becomes workable in spring up till the middle of June.

Keep the soil well cultivated, never allowing ground to become baked. When cutting blooms always leave at least three good leaves to ripen and give strength to the bulbs.

Dig bulbs in fall before they become too ripe. Cut stocks close to bulb. Cure in sun or cool airy place, then clean and store in dry, cool frost proof cellar.

IRIS CATALOGUE

Our 1925 Iris Catalogue will be published July 1. In it will be found several new novelties in both Bearded and Japanese Irises, the originations of R. B. Piper, as well as standard and other fine new varieties. If you are interested in Irises for spring delivery ask for our Special Iris Price List, which is now ready.

NOTE—If you should receive an extra catalogue please hand to some friend or neighbor. Kindly send us the name and address of a few of your flower-loving acquaintances when sending your bulb order and for your trouble we will send you one or more blooming size bulbs of some choice variety of gladiolus.

AMERICAN GLADIOLUS SOCIETY

Be a "Glad" Booster by joining the American Gladiolus Society. The Society needs you and you need the Society.

THE FLOWER GROWER

Published monthly by Madison Cooper, Calcium, New York; of great interest to all lovers of flowers. Subscription price, \$1.50 for one year, or \$3.50 for three years.

Following are Extracts from a few of the Many Letters Received From Satisfied Customers:

O. G. T., Birmingham, Ala., writes:

"Received my gladiolus order tonight. They are a fine looking lot of bulbs and I thank you for your courtesy."

G. S. C., Washington, D. C., says:

"The gladiolus bulbs received. They surely are nice clean big bulbs, and thank you ever so much for the extras. Those were a surprise and a very pleasant one."

E. C. K., Waterbury, Conn., writes:

"The bulbs came all right a few days ago and appear to be very healthy. I thank you for the extras and will expect to have a fine looking flower garden next summer."

G. C. M., Madison, Wis., writes:

"I had good luck from the stock received from you last fall."

C. G. S., Utica, N. Y., says:

"Now that I have a few moments to spare I want to tell you that I liked the bulbs received from you and think them very fine, I also want to thank you for the extras which were a very pleasant surprise."

A. J. V. A., Mt. Dennis, Ontario, Canada, writes:

"Many thanks for the Gladiolus bulbs; received in good condition."

“PRIDE OF MARYLAND”



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Ralph B. Piper, Prop.

Box 54, Beltsville, Md.